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**Attorney Docket No.** RA-5415

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION VIA FACSIMILE  
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I hereby certify that this Amendment and Petition for Extension of Time in the above-identified patent application, along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed, is being transmitted to telefax number 703-872-9306.

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**AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir,

This is responsive to the Official Communication of 03/29/04 rejecting all claims under section 102(e) as anticipated by the Lambright reference (US Pat. No. 6,457,102).

A Request for a Two-Month Extension of Time is attached hereto.